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## GOVERNOR WILSON'S APOLOGY.

Governor Woodrow Wilson has issued a signed statement giving his reasons for applying for a Carnegie pension, which we reprint not because we think it satisfactory but in order that his side of the case may be presented.

The statement follows:  
"The Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching is not a plan for old age pensions, but for the granting of retiring allowances on the ground of length and quality of service. Before I was elected governor of New Jersey, when I had just entered the uncertain field of politics, I applied to the foundation for a retiring allowance, to which I understood myself to be entitled under the rules adopted by its trustees. I have no private means to depend upon. A man who goes into politics bound by the principles of honor puts his family and all who may be dependent upon him for support at the mercy of any incalculable turn of the wheel of fortune, and I felt entirely justified in seeking to provide against such risks, particularly when I was applying for what I supposed myself to be entitled to by right of long service as a teacher under the rules of the foundation and not by favor.

"I understood that upon the receipt of my application the executive committee of the trustees of the foundation restricted the interpretation of their rule and declined to grant the allowance. Why the matter should come up again now I do not know. I have had nothing to do with it since the early autumn of 1910. I have not renewed the application."

What's the good of everlastingly telling the farmers how to raise more cotton when they can't sell what they have for enough to cover the cost of production? What the farmers need is help at the other end of the line. Brazos county farmers have learned their business in the school of experience, the only school in which practical knowledge is gained, and, paraphrasing an old saw, an ounce of experience is worth a ton of theory.

A lady friend of The Eagle brought to this office yesterday a clipping which proved to be a reprint of that old fake which purports to be "A Letter from Christ." This and other fake called "Mother Shipton's Prophecy" have both been proven to be forgeries. But about once in every generation they bob up and go the rounds of the sensational newspapers. Each time, too, some well meaning editors in the backwoods publish them. The Eagle has no space for such rot.

It was with extreme pain and regret that The Eagle has to admit that Woodrow Wilson is an idol of clay. His application for a teacher's pension shows that he was willing for the sake of money to place himself under obligation to Andrew Carnegie, the father and real head of the steel trust. This is little, if any, better than Joe Bailey's commerce with Clay Pierce, John H. Kirby and others. The Eagle has dropped Wilson, like a hot potato.

Caught in the act of stealing Persia, England denied it, throwing all the blame on her confederate, Russia. And Shuster, an American, is the man who exposed the theft they were planning.

Russia is still semi-barbarous and doesn't so much mind being accused of robbery; but England's manners, if not her morals, have been improved by association with America.

The Cleburne Enterprise is wrong in the opinion that a newspaper is expected to take a position on every question that arises. Its responsibility in this respect is limited to questions affecting the interests of those on whom it depends for support. If it fails to defend their rights as far as in its power lies, it is recreant to its duty.

The ever dear and venerated father of the editor of The Eagle was born in the "Waxhaw settlement," just across the state line from Charlotte, N. C., wherefore this scribe is deeply interested in the traditions and myths that cluster around that historic city, but this is no reason for believing that they are of equal interest to the readers of The Eagle.

If the choice for governor is limited to Colquitt and Ramsey a good many Texans will find themselves in a dilemma similar to that of Henry A. Wise of Virginia, who when asked in 1872 whether he would vote for Grant or Greely replied: "If I had my hand in a vise and couldn't get it out without choosing I would take Grant because he is a fool."

The Beaumont Enterprise says the Men and Religion Movement "is aiming to make men humane and decent as well as sanctimonious." To make men humane and decent is God's service, but of all the curses that afflict society there is none worse than sanctimonious men. From such, good Lord deliver us.

Two weeks ago Foster prophesied a warm, dry spell beginning today and lasting till the 18th. Yesterday Dr. Eunnemeyer, the government weather sharp at Houston, prognosticated clear skies and a light frost for last night. Any observant old farmer can beat either of them as a weather prophet.

The person reformed from the outside has to be reformed again. The only reform that stays put is the one that has its beginning and finish inside. Only its fruits are visible to outsiders.

A personal friend of Judge Ramsey assures The Eagle that when the Judge gets on the stump he will demonstrate that he is a live wire, or words to that effect. If this be his plan, he has no time to lose.

Within the past two weeks The Eagle has been requested to exchange with the Atlanta Georgian, the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot and the Trenton (N. J.) True American.

New York having become a foreign city in all but the name, the proposition should be put up to the people of that burgh to become Americanized or disfranchised.

In another column on this page is an editorial from the Topeka Mail and Breeze which, with a change of the geographical names, exactly fits Brazos county. Read it.

The deadliest blow the hobble skirt has been dealt is the discovery that it was the rage seven thousand years ago. What fashionable woman wants to wear an old style like that?

People are coming from the north and from the south, from the east and from the west to see the aviation stunts in Dellwood park next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

When we think of what Texas did to Bascom Thomas and what Mississippi did for Bilbo, our joy in being a Texan is only equalled by our delight in not being a Mississippian.

This year there was no election to interfere with Christmas shopping. Next year if some of us aren't careful we may bet on the wrong candidate.

If the Brazos county hen doesn't quit loafing on the job she is going to find a dangerous rival in the Indian Runner duck, which is reputed to be the greatest layer that wears feathers.

When Judge Ramsey jumped aboard

le, no doubt, thought it was a band wagon, but it looks and travels more like a hearse.

Fortunately for us, our most valuable possessions are not negotiable. If it were otherwise there would be more moral than material bankrupts.

The Galveston Tribune remarks that "it is a lot easier to talk about stamping out a thing than it is to do the stamping successfully."

Governor Wilson doesn't say he is sorry he did it, but we can easily believe he is sorry it got into the papers.

Our idea of a hero is personified in the man who married the woman that can speak fifty-four languages.

## Concerning Good Roads

Every intelligent citizen either in town or in the country is or ought to be in favor of good roads.

There are a few town dwellers who seem to think the farmers are hanging back on the matter of making good roads but that is probably a mistake. I used to live in the country myself and I know that no people appreciate the benefit of good roads more than farmers, although it has to be said that in the past the working of country roads in Kansas, and for that matter in most of the states, has been haphazard and unsatisfactory. As a result the roads are nowhere near as good as they ought to be or would be if the labor and money spent on them had been well spent.

But when it comes to advocating rock roads in Kansas I am not convinced. I do not believe that it is wise to undertake to build rock roads in most parts of Kansas just now and maybe never. The rock road, to begin with, is very expensive both to construct and to maintain. If it is not maintained in good shape it is worse than an ordinary dirt road. The worst roads I have found in the state are some macadamized roads that have been neglected.

A well graded and well dragged road is a better road for at least eleven months out of the twelve in Kansas than any macadam road that I have ever seen and the cost of it is not more than one-tenth that of the rock road. The initial cost is not more than one-tenth and the cost of maintenance is less than one-tenth. The oil road will cost perhaps less than a quarter of the amount the rock road will cost and if properly constructed is, I think, a far better and most lasting road.

There are a great many intelligent farmers who are seriously opposed to building rock roads and personally I believe they are right. If a Kansas road is properly drained and graded and then kept well dragged, that is, dragged whenever it needs to be dragged, it makes a fine highway and can be kept up at very little cost. An oil road will cost more and may be a better road. I say may be because I have not had much opportunity to observe oil roads and therefore do not like to pass final judgment on them.

I have a friend who has been in the business of making roads for several years who is very enthusiastic about oil roads and I rely considerably on his judgment, but have had but little personal experience with that kind of highway. I am emphatically for the well drained and dragged road. I would like to see the oil roads tried out, but I believe that it would be a mistake to go in for rock roads just now. They are too expensive to build in the first place and cost too much to keep up after they are built.—Topeka Mail and Breeze.

## The Last Word.

Editor Carnes is old enough to have long ago learned that every man should have an opinion whether he makes use of his free American prerogative and expresses it or not. In accusing the editor of the Examiner-Review of knowing better what the Athletic Association of A. & M. should do than anyone else he bridged the line of demarcation, so to speak. As a finale to the little discussion we had enjoyed up to this period, we suggest to Editor Carnes that he take another trip and work some of the bile out of his system and maybe he won't be so "snarly" with his brother editors.—Navasota Examiner-Review.



Men who are particular about clothes are apt to be particular about the little niceties of dress; a scarf pin, a set of studs for the dress shirt, a bath robe or smoking jacket, a walking stick or an umbrella. You may not want to give such a man a suit or overcoat; for Christmas maybe he doesn't need one, or doesn't want you to; but you can give him pleasure, and something he does want, without spending too much and without danger of getting the wrong thing.

Here's a little list of large and small things that men like; they're all here, and lots more; see if you don't find in this list just what you'd like to give some man as a Christmas gift.

Smoking Jackets	\$10.00	Silk Sox all colors	1.00
\$5.00, \$7.50 to		50c to	
Bath Robes	10.00	Sweaters Boys, and	5.00
\$3.50 to		Men's \$1.00 to	
Fancy Pajamas (one in a box)	3.50	Phoenix Mufflers	1.50
\$2.50 to		25c to	
Traveling Sets from	7.50	Silk Mufflers	3.00
\$2.50 to		\$1.00 to	
Tie Hangers, \$1.00 and \$1.50		Cuff Buttons	3.50
Half Dozen Linen Handkerchiefs, in leather case at	\$1.50	50c to	
Tie and Sox to match in holiday box	\$1.00	Stick Pins	3.00
50c to		50c to	
Tie and Sox to match in leather case \$1.50 to	\$2.50	Tie Clips	1.50
Pocketbook and Card Case 25c to	\$2.50	25c to	
Military Brushes, in cases, from \$2.50 to	\$4.00	Tie Clips and Stick Pins in sets \$1.00 and	1.50
Collar Bags at \$1.00 to	\$1.50	Stick Pins and Cuff Button Sets \$1.00 to	3.50
Neckties, in holiday boxes 50c to	1.00	Watch Fobs	2.50
Suit Cases from \$4.00 to	15.00	50c to	
Hand Bags from \$2.50 to	12.50	Coat Chains	1.00
		50c to	
		Handkerchiefs from 10c to	50c
		Initial Handkerchiefs 15c to	50c

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